

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

At the time when the detection unit 11 detects  
disconnection of a device, the judgement unit 14 controls  
the timing unit 12 to start measuring elapsed time since  
5 the detection. When the measured elapsed time reaches a  
predetermined time, the uninstall process of control  
software for the device is started. Further, the  
uninstall process includes a plurality of stages, and the  
judgement unit 14 executes each stage in response to the  
10 measured elapsed time. If the detection unit 11 detects  
reconnection of the device before the uninstall process  
has been completed, the judgement unit 14 stops the  
uninstall process and restores the control software and  
related information to the state before the uninstall  
15 process.